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Marginal Column

By Susan Strange

THE suspension of Marshall Aid to Britain, 18 months before the end of the four year-plan, will strengthen British claims to special treatment and respect from the U.S.—as an equal, or near-equal, and not as just another empty hand in the European bread-queue. These claims, it is thought in London, will now grow very much more insistent, and may lead to a new phase in the Western alliance in which joint Anglo-American leadership will be acknowledged by the other members, and may even be endowed with special powers. This is the real reason why the suspension of Marshall Aid is being regarded in Whitehall not as a disaster but as a specially welcome Christmas present. It is another big step up from an inferior position. An earlier step was gained when the British Treasury won special concessions for itself, as focus of the sterling area, in the European Payments Union.

THE British Government is all the more pleased because it has regained the appearance of complete financial independence of the United States—without any of its unpleasant consequences. To begin with, Mr. Gaitskell won a notable point in his recent negotiations with Mr. William Batt, Head of the E.C.A. mission in London, when the word "suspension" was so pointedly substituted for "termination" of Marshall Aid. This gives Britain the right, at any time in the next year and a half, to come back on the Americans for renewed Marshall Plan grants. This extra security does not at the moment seem necessary. As the Chancellor of the Exchequer pointed out, it is a year since Britain depended on Marshall dollars to balance the sterling-area trade accounts. For a year Marshall dollars have gone to swell the dollar reserves. Now, no pain will be felt by anyone on January 1, when the flow of new funds ceases. Plant and raw materials already in the pipeline will go on arriving for some time. Most of the £200 million Marshall dollars still outstanding to Britain's account, in fact, will be for heavy equipment.

FINALLY, there is the most important point of all—that it would have been very much more difficult—if not impossible—to say goodbye to Marshall Aid if Britain had not been fairly sure that a new kind of dollar aid, this time for rearmament, was almost certainly on its way. Although it has been overshadowed recently by the thornier question of Germany's role in Atlantic defence, the other problem, of how Western rearmament is to be paid for, is still the main job on which all the Atlantic Pact committees are working.

NOW, by giving in to American hints on Marshall Aid with a good grace, Britain may very well be casting bread on the Congressional waters—hoping that in four or five months' time, when Congress votes the appropriations for foreign defence aid, Britain will get favoured treatment. In one way, the suspension of aid is a declaration of faith in the United States and in its promises—for there is nothing except the word of the American Government to guarantee that Marshall dollars will still be there for Britain if necessary.

THUS, the economic consequences of suspending Marshall Aid are negligible; other things being equal, the increase in the gold and dollar reserves will slow down somewhat from now on. But the political consequences may be great. Inasmuch as it is another sign of Britain's drawing away from its fellow-sufferers in Europe, and of refusing any longer to be thought of as one of them, it is bound to increase the fears of the Continent that Britain still regards the Channel, and not the Elbe, as her vital line of defence. To quieten these fears and to step up the visible signs of British rearmament in Europe should now be a major aim of British policy.

London, December

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former Minister of Trade, Dr. P. Bernstein. He had fought for years to allow the import of goods when foreign currency payments were not required. But now that the Government had announced it would permit non-payment imports, Mr. Bernstein feared that it was too late and would only cause inflation as it would create two sets of prices.

Justices' Salaries Level with Cabinet

Salaries of Supreme Court Justices will be pegged to those of Cabinet Ministers while the President of the Supreme Court will get the same stipend as the Prime Minister.

This was decided yesterday evening by the Knesset Finance Committee. The scale they decided upon was:

Salary	Tax-free allowances
President: IL 175	IL 100
Justices: IL 150	IL 80
Chief Magistrate: IL 130	IL 50
Judges: IL 120	IL 40
Chief Magistrate's Deputy: IL 110	IL 30
Magistrate: IL 100	IL 25

There will also be allowances of IL 5 for each child.

YADIN REPORTS

Rav-Aloof Yigael Yadin yesterday addressed the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee on the lessons of the recent army manoeuvres.

Citrus Growers Ask 12-Shilling Subsidy; Say Future 'Obscure'

The present situation in the citrus industry is critical, representatives of the Farmers' Association told yesterday's meeting of the Knesset Economic Committee. The future of the industry is obscure, and it is necessary that the Government continue subsidizing the industry to maintain it, they said.

Each box of citrus in the first consignment sent to the London market was sold at a 10-shilling loss, owing to the heavy competition of Spanish oranges, and the new purchase procedure in the British market.

The Association delegates demanded a minimum 12-shilling subsidy to reach an average price of 32 shillings per box during the season.

Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, the Finance Minister, who was present at the meeting, rejected their suggestion that the Government give the growers the hard currency earned by citrus sales abroad, if the premiums were not forthcoming.

Ask Strike's End

The representatives of Truva Export and Yachin, marketing bodies of the cooperative movement, who also attended, recorded the Farmers' Federation description of the situation, but demanded the resumption of picking and export, since the stoppage of both was even more dangerous to the industry.

The Government premium, they said, should be seven shillings per box. They anticipated that during the course of the season prices would improve to an average of 25 shillings per box. F.O.B. They also agreed that the citrus industry would need Government subsidies for years to come. They expressed their appreciation for the Government's help in extending IL-4m. in long-term loans, as well as allocations from the Export-Import Bank loan.

Another meeting is scheduled for January 1.

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Sharett Confers With Ministers to Europe

PARIS, Tuesday (INA). — The Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, yesterday conferred with Mr. Maurice Fiechter, Israeli Minister to France; Mr. Eliahu Elath, Minister to Britain; Mr. Shlomo Genssohn, the Minister to Rome; Dr. Shmuel Eliashy, Minister to Prague and Dr. Michael Amir, Minister to the Benelux countries. Mr. Sharett is leaving here tomorrow for the south of France where he is to stay for a few days.

He refused to comment on Egyptian reports that Israel is massing troops on the Egyptian border.

Civil Defence Bill Due Soon

A Civil Defence Bill is to be introduced shortly in the Knesset by Mr. David Ben Gurion in his capacity as Minister of Defence.

The bill provides for the establishment of an A.R.P. ("Haga") Organization. Two thirds of its budget will be covered by local authorities and the balance by the Government, according to the proposed draft.

An army officer to be appointed by the Minister of Defence will head the "Haga" force which will comprise army reservists and volunteers.

Local authorities shall be required to erect public air raid shelters. House owners would be compelled to erect shelters in or near their buildings. Business premises where more than 20 people are employed or where more than 20 people generally call simultaneously must provide their own shelters. Tenants are to pay between 50 and 75 per cent of the cost of the shelters, depending upon the age of the building.

Blackout and window protection regulations are also provided in the bill.

Cable Link Still Closed by Strike

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The only submarine cable link with the outside world is still cut, following the collective resignation of Telegraph Department employees, formerly of Cable and Wireless, Ltd.

The cable and wireless offices were closed, and all the telegraph traffic is being diverted through the radio station in Tel Aviv.

Citrus Farmers Fail To Reach Decision

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Citrus Control Board met informally at Hakiryat today. Representatives of the Ministries of Finance and Agriculture were present, but the Ministry of Trade and Industry representative was absent.

Delegates of the Farmers' Federation had expected the three Ministers would be present. Because of their absence only an informal meeting was held. No agreement on a reply to the Government proposals was reached, and no further meeting was scheduled.

A meeting of delegates of the Farmers' Federation and of the Yachin Cooperative was also held today. The private growers are continuing their work stoppage. Those marketing fruit through the Histadrut are still picking and packing, although on a reduced scale.

Gov't to Consider Moving Ministry

The Government is expected to consider moving the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to Jerusalem after the Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, returns from his vacation in France, a Government spokesman said in Jerusalem yesterday.

He indicated that the Government was more inclined to make the transfer now than it had been previously.

The spokesman also told a press conference that the fight against the black market was continuing unabated. While there appeared to be fewer instances of illegal dealings, he said that raids and searches would continue as long as it was necessary to wipe out all traces of the black market.

Syrians Threaten Israel Fishermen

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — Threatening to open fire, Syrian soldiers under the command of a lieutenant this morning compelled Migdal fishermen to leave their nets at the point where the Jordan enters Lake Tiberias.

Both banks of the river are inside Israel. Syria's frontier and its positions are 300 metres distant from the eastern bank.

The fishermen who work on the western bank, pointed out to the Syrians that they were on Israeli territory and that they had no right to give them orders.

The Syrian officer then ordered his men to take up positions, and threatened to open fire. A complaint has been lodged with the Mixed Armistice Commission.

The fishermen point out that this was not the first provocation and that a fortnight ago they were stoned by Syrian soldiers.

M.A.C., Survey Team To Meet in 1951

It is "unlikely" that either the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission or the mixed survey team will resume activity before the New Year.

This was announced yesterday in Jerusalem after a two-hour meeting between the senior Israel member of the M.A.C., Sgan-Aloof Shaul Ramati, and his Jordan counterpart, Azmi Bey Nashashibi. A "wide range of matters" was discussed at the meeting, it was said.

Representatives of both countries on the survey team are studying last week's findings and conferring with their respective governments.

(Picture — Page 1)

Proposals Made To End Port Dispute

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The findings of Mr. A. Wertheim, head of the Labour Relations Department of the Ministry of Labour, regarding the Tel Aviv port dispute, were sent today to the Maritime Trust, Ltd., and the local Labour Council.

Mr. Wertheim supports most of the demands for higher wages, including a 250 pruta daily bonus for those labourers who work at sea.

He maintains, however, that increments should be paid as from 1946 and not from 1938 as requested by the workers. With regard to social services he proposed that for 1951 they be retroactive to 1950.

The proposals are to be discussed by the Labour Council and the Histadrut Executive later this week.

Israel Has Peace Role—Stassen

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday (ITIM). — Israel can play a big part in the maintenance of world peace because it is accepting immigrants from all parts of the world, Mr. Harold Stassen, U.S. Republican Party leader, said here tonight. He later left for South Africa.

This afternoon he met Prime Minister Ben Gurion at his home in Jerusalem. He also met Prof. S. Brodetsky, President of the Hebrew University, and delivered a message from Zionist students of the University of Pennsylvania, of which he is President, who sent greetings from the Inter-collegiate Zionist Federation of America.

During his brief stay, he had informal talks with Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan.

Lie Warns Of Fresh Attacks If Korea Lost

OSLO, Tuesday (Reuters). — The U.N. Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, said today that if the Communist aggression in Korea was not "repulsed or stemmed," it would be impossible to realize other United Nations aims.

In a broadcast here, he told Scandinavians, "If we lose in Korea, the only question is which country will come next."

Mr. Lie said that when half a million Chinese troops were thrown into the Korean battle, the possibility of the conflict spreading increased.

"The responsibility for this evolution lies not with the United Nations but exclusively with those behind the scenes who are even willing to take steps which may lead to a new world war, in order to further their own aims," he added.

"A realistic view of the situation as it is today gives me the hope that a solution will be found satisfactory both for a free Korean people and for U.N."

Mr. Lie said the world had great sympathy for China, and would be glad to cooperate with her, but added: "Respect for peaceful negotiations as a means to secure international collaboration must be established."

China Appeals For Korea Evacuation

HONG KONG, Tuesday (A.P.). — China's military leader, Chu Teh, today warned U.N. troops to leave Korea, told the U.S. to pull military forces from Formosa and demanded a seat in the United Nations. Chu said in a broadcast from Peking.

"The Chinese people have time and again expressed their desire for a settlement of the Korean war but the imperialists have stubbornly rejected a peaceful settlement. We still hope now that the Korean war can swiftly achieve peace. We insist that all foreign troops swiftly withdraw from Korea. Domestic affairs in Korea can be settled by Koreans themselves."

Eisenhower is Key Man In U.S., European Cooperation

NEW YORK, Tuesday (UP). — General Dwight D. Eisenhower has been handed a "paper" army in Europe, but that is only the first of his headaches. The Atlantic Pact blue-print plans for most of the land forces coming from France, the air force from Britain and the supplies from America. The 12 Atlantic Pact nations also hope for at least one-fifth of the land forces to be drawn from Germany.

Eisenhower's appointment has been a tonic to the Western nations as he is the symbol of the 1945 victory. But powerful forces are working against him. It will be about 18 months before America's economy and industry is geared to send any great flow of war goods to Europe. It will be Eisenhower's job in the meantime to convince the peoples of Europe that America's progress is fast enough to warrant their faith that America is their bulwark.

But Eisenhower can also be Europe's spokesman in the U.S. His reputation is such that it has risen above political considerations and both Democrats and Republicans will look for his reports on Europe's progress in self-arming.

Man of Both Worlds

Former president Hoover voices strong American sentiment when he suggested that Europe should first prove its sincerity before America poured men and dollars into a cause which might prove hopeless from the start. It is Eisenhower who will have to say whether Europe's pleas for help are true.

Apart from purely military strategic and tactical questions, there has to be borne in mind that Communism is strong enough in France and Italy to cripple industry seriously in the event of a general strike. Communists can also depend on strong support from inside the armies of both these countries. The Communist parties have made it clear that they will not fight against Russia.

At this moment Russia is openly exerting every means of pressure she can to prevent the organization of the united Western army. She has already warned that she will not tolerate the formation of a German army. Many diplomatic observers believe she means it.

Fierce Battle North of Seoul

TOKYO, Tuesday. — South Korean and Chinese troops today tangled in a fierce battle just south of the 38th Parallel, and 47 kilometres northwest of Seoul.

The endangered South Korean capital was itself being rapidly emptied by citizens fleeing from the gathering onslaught. The battle was joined about 16 kms. east of Kaesong, transport centre between Pyongyang to Seoul, captured yesterday.

R.O.K. Force H.Q. described the action as "fierce" and announced that Communist patrols were sparring with U.N. forces all along the South Korean-held section of the front. The Chinese probe is now in its sixth day but the major assault is still to come.

The U.S. 10th Corps, evacuated safely from the Hungnam beachhead yesterday has now linked up with the 8th Army to form a 250,000-man force on a 166 km. front across the peninsula.

A North Korean communiqué today claimed the capture of Haeju, just north of the Parallel near the west coast.

Ideal flying weather today permitted allied warplanes to take off in force and heavily raid Northern troops and supplies throughout the country. Superforts dropped 176 tons of bombs on a variety of targets without opposition.

General MacArthur, in a personal communiqué early today, said the withdrawal of the 10th Corps from Hungnam in the east coast had completed the readjustment of United Nations troops forced by the Chinese entry into the Korean war.

Reviewing events after China's invasion, the Commander said: "We exposed before it was too late secret political and military decisions of enormous scope and threw off their balance enemy military preparations aimed at surreptitiously massing power capable of destroying our forces with one mighty extended blow."

The Allied advance towards the Manchurian border was the final act of Chinese aggression, General MacArthur stated.

(A.P., Reuters, U.P.)

Vietnam Appoints Envoy to China

SAIGON, Tuesday (A.P.). — Communist China and the Vietnamese government in Indo-China have agreed to establish diplomatic relations, it was announced today.

The clandestine radio of Ho Chi Minh announced that Peking has approved Hoang Van Hoa as Vietnamese minister plenipotentiary to the Chinese government. Last January, China recognized the Vietnamese Republic as the legitimate government of Indo-China. The Soviet bloc followed suit in February. America, Britain and other western governments have recognized the pro-French government headed by Bao Dai.

McGhee Talks With Moslem Diplomats

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (A.P.). — Assistant Secretary of State George McGhee was due to confer with envoys of nine Moslem countries on the international situation this evening, in what officials described as the largest in a series of briefings which U.S. State Department officials are giving to Ambassadors from "friendly countries." The official plan is to avoid, if possible, highly controversial topics. Mr. McGhee will make a statement on the international scene, including Korea, and on U.S. intentions.

Dutch Compromise Over New Guinea

THE HAGUE, Tuesday (A.P.). — Six hours before the deadline set for the decision on the future of Western New Guinea, the Dutch delegation tonight proposed a Netherlands-Indonesian Union rule for the disputed territory.

The Indonesian delegation refused to comment on the new proposal. They merely said that the conference was planned to continue tomorrow afternoon, after which a communiqué would be issued.

It is understood that the Indonesians still insist that sovereignty over the territory must be legally accorded them by tomorrow, the end of the one-year period in which the status of Western New Guinea was to be "determined by negotiations."

Persians Seek Bigger U.K. Oil Royalties

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Today's POST BAG

THE WEATHER

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Min. Cansan	32	35	38	40
Max. Cansan	48	50	52	55
Min. Jerusalem	30	32	35	38
Max. Jerusalem	45	48	50	52
Min. Beer Sheva	30	32	35	38
Max. Beer Sheva	45	48	50	52

FORECAST: In the morning, cold with light rain in the north and in the hill region. In the south, no rain is expected.

(A) Humidity at 3 p.m. yesterday, 50. Minimum temp. yesterday, 30. Maximum temp. yesterday, 45. (B) Max. temp. expected today, 50.

Fishing: rainbow trout has been forbidden until November 27, 1951, by order of the Minister of Agriculture.

Lawyers: new in Mahabarot, and other courts should be notified of their names and addresses to the examination. Tel Aviv — Dr. H. Leibah, c/o Rodi 28 Be'er Ahad Haman (Phone 2288) between 4 and 5 p.m. and Hafia — Mr. A. Gorenman, c/o Arzuman 18 Rehov Yerushalayim, from 4 to 5 p.m.

More than 400 social welfare councils are at present operating throughout the country.

A six month course for the training of hospital dieticians will be opened in mid-January. Candidates should apply to the Nutrition Guidance Bureau, 25 King Solomon, Jerusalem.

Part of I.P.O. Leaves Today

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (JTM). — Members of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra will leave for their North American tour in two groups, it was learned here today.

The first group is to leave by El Al plane tomorrow for London, whence they will continue by another plane. The second group will leave Lydda by El Al's new Constellation direct for New York on Thursday.

Mr. Leonard Bernstein, the pianist-conductor, and his sister, Miss Shirley Bernstein, left by air today on their way back to the U.S.

Israel-Iceland Trade Agreement Approved

The first trade agreement between Israel and Iceland, providing for the exchange of IL60,000 worth of frozen fish for Icelandic textiles and toilet articles, was approved yesterday by the Barter Committee of the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

One-third of the imports will be paid in sterling.

Opening of Hamashbir Store Protested

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The opening of a large Hamashbir Hamerkazi general store in Migdal Gad was protested by the town's Merchant Association in cables sent to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Trade and Industry today.

The Association claimed that private traders, most of them immigrants, must suffer from the cooperative's competition.

Ration News

JERUSALEM: Apples: 500 grams, children to two years of age, Shilaleh 25. Tomatoes: 250 grams, Tel Aviv 25, distribution in zone 4, Chemnitz 100 grams. Tax 232, distribution in zone 8. **TEL AVIV AND DISTRICT:** Meat: 100 grams, 125 grams, 150 grams, 175 grams, 200 grams, 225 grams, 250 grams, 275 grams, 300 grams, 325 grams, 350 grams, 375 grams, 400 grams, 425 grams, 450 grams, 475 grams, 500 grams. Persons who received their ration books between November 25 and December 12 and do not have Kaf 3 in their books will receive the ration at their butcher's, the Food Controller announced.

Personal Notices

SEREN MICHAEL MANKOWITZ (Israel Air Force) of Johannesburg
MARRIED
Tel Aviv

SARA CORNFELD (DAGAN) of Tel Aviv
December 26, 1950.

ARIEH and MAZAL CHEN (nee NEHAMA) are happy to announce the birth of a **SON**
The birth Milah will take place at 2 p.m. on Friday, December 29, 1950 at the Mussaff Synagogue, opposite Bet Sefer Levanon, Jerusalem.

ESTHER and MOSHE PINTO take pleasure in announcing the birth of a **DAUGHTER**
at the Shaarei Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem, on Tuesday, December 26, 1950.

The Staff of the **TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE, Jerusalem**, wish to express their deepest sympathy to **Rabbi F. G. NATHAN** on the death of his mother.

US Union Forms \$10m. Company To Finance Israel Housing

By Vic Perlestein

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The American labour union corporation set up last year to finance housing in Israel has to date attracted investments of \$2m. in cash and \$5m. in pledges.

The representative of the union largely responsible for this new venture is now in Israel, completing negotiations with the Government and the Histadrut prior to turning over the first funds. He is Mr. Charles Zimmerman, a vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union.

After a visit here two years ago on behalf of his union, Mr. Zimmerman with others decided to form a corporation which would sell bonds for the purpose of investing in building mortgages in Israel. The Corporation, called "Amim" (American Union) includes numerous other unions and personalities outside I.L.G.W.U.

Murray Green Chairmen
Mr. Philip Murray and Mr. William Green, presidents of the C.I.O. and the A.F.L. respectively, are honorary chairmen. Other leading national labour leaders are on the board of directors, while Mr. Nelson Rockefeller has accepted the post of vice-president, and Mr. Beardsley Ruml the noted economist, is treasurer. Serving on the board of directors are Mr. Robert Patterson, former Secretary of War, and Major-General William D. Donovan, former chief of the O.S.S.

15-Year Bonds
The corporation is a non-profit organization. The bonds, which will be redeemable in 15 years, pay three per cent interest and are issued in denominations of \$100 and \$500.

Mr. Zimmerman told THE POST today that the corporation intends to raise \$10m., which is to be matched by "Amim" of the Histadrut, and other organizations. All mortgages are to be on 50 per cent of the property's value. The largest single investment has been \$100,000, which came from a well-known person who prefers to remain anonymous. Mr. Zimmerman's local union, consisting of 27,000 members, representing 22 nationalities, has invested \$100,000, while the I.L.G.W.U. has promised to buy \$1m. of the bonds.

General Zionist Heads Zichron Council
ZICHRON YA'ACOV, Tuesday. — Mr. Abba Shechter, General Zionist, was elected chairman of the nine-member Zichron Ya'acov Local Council today when the Yeminite balfur was cast together with the four General Zionist votes.

Mr. Joseph Dashaevsky, Histadrut, received only four votes.

The three Vice-Chairmen are: Dr. Y. Kapach, General Zionist; Mr. M. Madar, Yeminite; and Mr. Haruch Kritzer, Histadrut.

Hapoel Hamizrahi Split Threatened
TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Hapoel Hamizrahi is threatened with a split following the refusal of their representative in the Petah Tikvah Municipal Council to support the General Zionist candidate for mayor in accordance with a countryside agreement.

The Petah Tikva man is a member of "Bamifne," a left-wing faction of Hapoel Hamizrahi, which has been in conflict for several months past with the group led by Mr. Moshe Shapiro, the Minister of the Interior.

Party meetings were held today and will continue tomorrow.

Israel Should Explore Jewish Catacombs in Rome—Suknik

By Robert Gary, POST Reporter

After a two-month trip to Europe, Professor E. Suknik returned recently to Israel with two recommendations — a Jewish archaeological team should be sent to Rome and many more oleander trees should be used in this country.

The archaeologists, he said, should be given the task of cleaning, digging, photographing and sketching plans of the Jewish catacombs in the Italian capital, which have been badly neglected.

"Only one, the catacomb of Torlonia, even has a plan," Professor Suknik noted. "It's about time we saved these remnants of Jewish culture for history. Italian scholars called my attention to the need and the American academy in Rome has promised to aid the project."

The archaeology professor was impressed with oleander

in Sicily where, he declared, they are used widely for decorative purposes. He pointed out that the species grow wild along the Jordan, and in Tiberias and Jerusalem areas.

Conference at Syracuse
Professor Suknik attended the Congress of Christian Archaeology at Syracuse where he was the only non-Italian participant. He delivered a paper on recent excavations in Jerusalem.

He visited the Jewish catacombs in Syracuse which were partially destroyed during the war. He also visited Malta where, he said, both Jewish and Christian catacombs have been preserved with equal care by the government.

On behalf of the Friends of the Hebrew University, Professor Suknik went to Switzerland where he lectured at the Universities of Zurich and Basle, then to Sweden where he lectured at the Universities of Stockholm, Upsala, Goteborg and Lund.

Later, in England, he arranged for the printing of the final volumes of the Dead Sea scrolls for which the Government has released \$3,000. He said that the books would not be ready for several years because of the paper shortage.

He also lectured on recent archaeological excavations at a reception held by the Minister to Britain and Rada, then to Sweden where he lectured at the Universities of Stockholm, Upsala, Goteborg and Lund.

510 Holon Structures Near Completion
HOLON, Tuesday. — Building is in full swing here, despite the building materials shortage, and 500 dwelling units and 10 public buildings and factories are now nearing completion.

Immigrants are already entering some of the 100 dwelling units being completed. These were erected with the assistance of the Government and the Municipality. Of the 60 housing units for ex-soldiers, 24 have already been completed, as have been the Central European immigrants housing of 50 houses, in the Ramat 78" quarter. In the same vicinity, 20 two- and three-roomed, long-term units for regular soldiers will shortly be ready for occupation.

Advocate Testifies Against Client

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (JTM). — Mr. G. Margalit, an advocate, who is defending Aharon Shvili on a criminal charge, appeared as a witness against his own client in another case in the Magistrate's Court here today.

Shvili is charged with stealing a radio belonging to Mr. Margalit.

Soldier on Trial For Boy's Death

HAIFA, Tuesday. — An account of how Ya'acov Fedida, 14, one of the first to penetrate Arab positions in the battle for Tiberias in April 1948, met his death three days later was given in the District Court today at the trial of Rav-Samuel Emanuel Neumann, 26, who is charged with having shot the boy.

In his statement to the police on April 21, 1948, Neumann said that the boy had stolen a tyre from enemy property. He had threatened the boy with a revolver when he demanded the return of the tyre. Fedida had tried to wrest the weapon from his hand, but it went off and he was killed.

Witnesses said they saw Neumann approach the boy with the revolver in his hand. They then heard shots and saw Fedida lying on the ground. There were no eye-witnesses of the actual shooting. The trial will be continued tomorrow.

Mental Home Owner Starts Jail Sentence

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Attorney-General yesterday dropped seven charges of manslaughter against Rivka Gefen, former owner of a mental home near Tel Aviv.

He also agreed to her request for withdrawal of an appeal to the Supreme Court against an 18 months' sentence imposed by the District Court here five months ago on an eighth charge of manslaughter. Mrs. Gefen has been out on bail to begin serving her year and a half sentence today.

The former Attorney-General, Mr. Jacob Shapiro, appearing for the defendant, presented these decisions to the District Court here, and requested that his client be accorded special treatment in prison. Judge M. Kenet, who had imposed the 18 months' sentence last July, granted the request.

Mrs. Gefen and her husband had originally been charged with causing the death through starvation and mistreatment of eight patients under their care at their private mental home near Ramat. Charges against the husband were subsequently dropped, and Mrs. Gefen entered a plea of guilty after three days of hearings in the first case brought against her.

Court Hears Of Crime Partnership

A prosecution witness in the murder trial of Ya'acov and Yitzhak Mizrahi in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday testified that Ya'acov had suggested to him that his financial difficulties could be solved by luring someone into his apartment, robbing him and disposing of him by "winding him in" to the mine fields in the back of his house.

The witness, Moshe Daniel, told the Court that Mizrahi had suggested a crime partnership to him shortly after his discharge from the Army last July.

Three police constables described the search for evidence for Ya'acov and the dead man, Haim Hendler. The trial will be continued today.

Municipality Of Acre

hereby announces the results of the public examination for plans of the Acre Centre announced with the consent of the Central Committee of the Association of Engineers and Architects in Israel. After examining the plans submitted to the Jury, it was decided to award the first prize of IL1,000 to Mr. Robert Basel (Mons. Davis & Robert Haimov, Tel Aviv). (It was decided not to award a Second Prize). The third prize of IL650 goes to Joseph Klarwin, Architect, 36 Rehov Mamillah, Jerusalem. The following three plans have been purchased at IL300 each: 1. S. Lurie, J. Seckl, A.P. Robinson. 2. V.B. Tshelnov. 3. Moshe Kaufman. 4. S. Khandor, The Engineer's Society, Tel Aviv. 5. H. Shlien. A special notice will be given with regard to the exhibition. Municipality of Acre.

Taximeters Await Decision on Fares

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The 750 taximeters ordered by the Ministry of Communications from Sweden some time ago will not be delivered until discussions regarding the new fares have been completed.

The Minister of Communications set up a special commission two weeks ago to investigate the matter, and its report is expected within the next few weeks.

The Commission is headed by Mr. S. Goren, Knesset member. The taxi drivers are understood to be demanding that, when the new meters are fitted to their cabs, they should not be assigned to special ranks, but should be allowed to cruise about the streets or to stand at any rank near the place to which they have brought their latest passenger.

Thus, the single fare would not have to take into account the distance back to their stations.

There are more than 1,000 taxis now in operation throughout the country. The taximeters would first be installed in Tel Aviv and Haifa cabs.

Taxi Drivers Picket Yotour in Tiberias

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — Local taxi drivers today picketed themselves in front of hotel entrances and prevented tourists from boarding Yotour taxis.

The police intervened at Yotour's request. But the picketing proved effective, and no trips took place during the day.

Tiberias drivers allege unfair competition on the part of Yotour.

Joseph Sends Two Telegrams from Elath

The first civilian post office at Elath was formally opened yesterday by the Minister of Communications, Dr. Dov Joseph, when he sent two telegrams to President Weizmann and to Prime Minister Ben Gurion.

Dr. Joseph arrived by air, and was accompanied by the Postmaster-General, Mr. Z. Prihar, General Director of El-Al, Mr. E. Pinkus, and by several high officials of the Ministry of Communications. They were received by a military guard of honour.

The Minister of Communications congratulated the settlers on their achievement, and hoped that within a short time Elath would become a port town of several thousand inhabitants.

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Parched Crops Die in North

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — The lack of rain is causing substantial damage to crops. On seeds which have not yet begun to sprout may still be saved if rain comes soon.

Settlers from Mahanayim and Ayelet Hashahar have plowed a new 800 dunams of land as the wheat on it was a total loss. Vetch was planted instead.

Old settlers say that they have not experienced such a dry spell for many years.

Neumann Gages 'Go East Young Man'

ATLANTIC CITY, Tuesday (INA). — Dr. Emmanuel Neumann, former National President of the Zionist Organization of America, called for a stream of youthful settlers for Israel in an address he made on Sunday at an educational conference.

Such a movement, he said, would not only be a personal contribution to Israel, but would "deepen and enrich Zionist life in America, and save it from becoming a mere collection of philanthropic institutions."

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By Shaleh Guebenlian, POST Correspondent

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Police Hunt Royal Stone Thieves

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Police believe that Scottish Nationalists are behind the disappearance of the stone. They have threatened in the past they would recover the 150-kilogram stone taken from Scotland in 1296.

Police cars were scouring the country from the Scottish border northwards for a small Ford carrying two "Scottish patriots" — and, the police hoped, the stone as well.

The car was said to have been seen earlier at Westminster Abbey near the door through which the stone was taken.

Devastating Loss

The Dean of Westminster, Dr. Alan C. Don, said today: "The disappearance of the stone is the most devastating thing which could have happened. It is impossible to put a value on it, for it is the most precious relic that we have, and we shall never be happy until it is returned."

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Cables in Brief

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AMERICAN warships will join in exercises when the British home fleet goes on its Spring cruise next month, the Admiralty announced yesterday.

SINGAPORE terrorists burnt their 16th taxi yesterday. 13 buses have also been set on fire.

PIRATES BOARD PANAMA SHIP

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Panamanian steamer, Islas Visayas, 516 tons, bound for Amoy, South China, from Shanghai, radioed that she had been boarded by pirates and her cargo looted yesterday, near Tai Chow Bay in Chekiang province. Lloyd's shipping intelligence reported today. A second distress signal said "life was in danger."

A later message said the Islas Visayas had been released and was proceeding to Amoy but Lloyd's stated there was a possibility this message was sent under duress as no radio contact had been made by a naval tug sent to assist from Hongkong.

NEPHEW FOR FAROUK

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — Princess Faika, sister of King Farouk and wife of Faud Sadek Bey, gave birth to a boy today.

Faika, who is 23, was secretly married to an Egyptian consular official in San Francisco on April 9. Farouk called her back to Egypt after the wedding and the couple were again married in his presence. He conferred the title of Bey Sadek on the groom.

The largest number of visitors — 7,300 — came from Egypt. Great Britain followed with 2,

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IN the past fortnight the Army Chief of Staff has found it necessary in the interests of the security of the State to suspend two daily newspapers, each for a day. One of the two papers is the official organ of the country's leading political party, and the other the daily with the largest circulation. Both cases were fully reviewed by a joint Army-Press Tribunal which had been set up by agreement between the General Staff and the Editors' Committee after prolonged negotiations, and whose chief purpose is the "trial and punishment" of papers accused of infringement of censorship orders.

In one case it was a headline that was objected to, in the other an article written by a person whose position would normally give any editor the right to assume its admissibility. Nevertheless it was published in defiance of a censorship ban, and for that reason the Tribunal decided unanimously on a severe fine, namely IL.200.

In both cases, however, the Chief of Staff considered that the punishment was not suited to the crime and decided on the corporal sentence of suspension.

There has been occasion before to object to punishments imposed administratively, especially when it is possible to draw an impenetrable veil of "security" over the workings of the authority in question. Inevitably, the chances are that official zeal will outstrip official discretion just where restraint and deliberation are of the essence, and the public suffers or individuals are penalized without redress and with little opportunity to make their side of the case heard. Censorship does not permit us to discuss in detail what were the offending items in the two contemporary papers that were suspended, but it can be said that their guilt was not incited to revolt. The freedom of expression which all would wish to see upheld in Israel demands a protest against this apparent extravagance of military severity, and a protest against the regime of government by administration in which such things are possible.

Ominously, examples begin to multiply of a too facile resort to executive short-cuts for the imposing of the official view. A particularly questionable example was the administrative prohibition of the use of the German language in public entertainments. The procedure must arouse misgivings as to the validity of any such ban should it be challenged in a court of law. The General Staff should not be the sole arbiter in Press indiscretions, and this the institution of the Joint Committee recognized. If the Chief of Staff had sufficient cause to reject the Committee's verdict, he should not be unwilling to disclose these to the public, for this is a matter mainly concerned with the punishment imposed, and not with the military importance of the original offense. Further, the order closing these papers was made under the Emergency Regulations gazetted in this country in 1945 by a hostile White Paper administration concerned with suppressing an opposition Press. It is time the Knesset reviewed these regulations and deleted those which are no longer fitting for a government elected by the people.

BOUNDARY HUNTING IN THE WADI ARABA

Definitions Determine Negev Dispute U.K. Goes Slow on Korean Crisis

By M.Y. Ben-Gavriel

THE technical commission, consisting of representatives of Israel and Jordan, was charged by the Mixed Armistice Commission with a two-fold task: to determine and map both the exact course of the international boundary and the position of the road in the disputed area of Wadi Araba between kilometres 78 and 74 along the new road to Elath.

The main question is essentially this: Is the border defined in the Order in Council of 1922 as "the centre of the Wadi Araba," the line as it appears on the original 1/250,000 Rhodes Map, or the border marked on the British army 1/100,000 map used by the Arab Legion?

The representatives of Jordan declared that they would only recognize a boundary to be determined in the immediate vicinity of the border line marked on the 1/100,000 map. The Jordan concept of "disputed area" comprises, therefore, only the immediate vicinity of the stretch of road in question. The Israeli representatives, on the other hand, assert that it is more than doubtful whether the border line as drawn on this map represents what was really meant by the Order in Council. The Order in Council of 1922 defined the border as the "centre of Wadi Araba." The following year the Assistant Secretary of the Palestine Government, Mr. Richmond, referred the passage to the Attorney General, Mr. Norman Bentwich, who agreed with his interpretation that the "centre" meant a line connecting the lowest points, and this was the interpretation accepted by the M.A.C.

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MUSICAL DIARY

At the I.P.O.'s Farewell Concert at the Habimah Hall on Sunday those people who came not only to bid farewell to the conductor, Leonard Bernstein, and the orchestra, but also to listen to some music were disappointed as the offerings of the orchestra were almost inaudible. The reason for this was not only the deplorable acoustics of the hall but also the fact that there were no arrangements made at all for the seating of the musicians on the huge Habimah stage. They had to play on the open 20-metre high stage which absorbed the music completely so that it never crossed the footlights.

It was a pity that we heard almost nothing of Bernstein's rendering of Mozart's G major concerto (Kochel No. 453) and only received a superficial impression of his interpretation of Schumann's C major symphony.

At the first idyllic part of Lavry's "Emek" it seemed as if there were no orchestra at all on the stage, while the Horra had, of course, the usual effect. The work figures also on the American programmes of the orchestra, and it is said that Bernstein himself made some alterations in the score.

For the rest, the other Israeli composers to be played on the American tour will only get partial performances of their works. From P. Ben Chaim's First Symphony, for instance, only one movement will be played, while from M. Avidom's "David" symphony, only two of the four movements will be heard in America.

The concert was concluded with the playing of Hatikva which on this special occasion



The Israel-Jordan Mixed Survey Team at work near kilometre 78 on the Elath Road. A U.N. observer, Capt. Bousteille, peers through a theodolite while at right, Rav Seren Adelman of the M.A.C., Dr. G.W. Stern of the Israel Hydrological Service, and the author (left) study a map on the bonnet of a Jordan desert jeep. Seated next to the Legionnaire is an Israeli soldier.

Hydrological Service Photo

one is, according to Israel, the question that has to be verified by the survey on the spot in accordance with the Resolution of the M.A.C. to this effect on December 15.

The Jordan delegation insisted that the local depression in the immediate proximity of the disputed stretch of the road is the deepest one, and that therefore the survey has to be confined to it. The Israel delegation on the other hand insisted that this is the very thing that had to be determined by a comparison with the rest of the depressions lying to the east of it in compliance with the instructions of the Order in Council of 1922. They are supported in this by the opinion of the Director of the Palestine Survey in 1927, Mr. G. H. Ley, who said that the Mandatory border probably runs in some places as much as eight kilometres to the east of where it is tentatively marked on most maps.

Road Measurements

There was no difference of opinion regarding the first step of the survey. It consisted of measuring the disputed stretch of road and marking it on the map which did not yet include the new road. It was a joint task. The basis selected was determined in the east by a trigonometrical fixpoint in Jordan territory and by a second fixpoint in the west in Israel. From these two trig-

points the position of the road was determined by measuring angles to a flagpole moved systematically by a jeep along the disputed stretch of the road.

The mixed survey teams each consisted of one Israeli and one Jordan surveyor and one U.N. officer. The jeep was manned by an Arab Legionnaire and an Israeli soldier. In addition to these there were advisory experts for each side. The communications between the teams was established by a wireless operated by U.N. officers. In this manner both parties assured themselves of the highest control and precision in determining the geographical position of the disputed stretch of the road. This part of the task of the survey team was successfully completed. This however did not solve the problem as to where the line of the international boundary was situated, for, as already indicated, no agreement could be reached as to the area where the search for the deepest points should be carried out.

Readers' Letters

CROWDED BUSES

To the Editor of The POST
Sir, — Today, Friday, at 1 o'clock I bought a ticket for Nathanya, at the Tel Aviv Central Bus Station, having been told at the Enquiry Office that buses for Nathanya leave every half hour.

In front of me there was a queue of about 50 persons, led behind by the bus, which started about 1.15. I waited patiently among a group of tired and indignant people until 2.30, when I finally gave up my intention to go to Nathanya. At that moment there were still about 130 persons standing behind me in the same queue.

Would it not be possible after all for the Ministry of Communications to induce Egged and the other Transport Cooperatives to fulfill their obligations toward the public and to instruct their staff to treat the passengers in a more dignified manner?

Yours, etc.
M. BENISCH
Tel Aviv, December 1.

Egged Reply

To the Editor of The POST
Sir, — We regret to inform you that on Friday afternoon between the hours of 1 and 3.30 there is a great difficulty for travellers, because the day is short, and most of the passengers crowd the station during these hours. Owing to the great shortage of buses, not only the Nathanya-Tel Aviv route is thrown out of gear, but all the other routes as well.

We hope that with the acquisition in the near future of new buses, the suffering of the passengers will be greatly eased.

Yours, etc.
Traffic Dept.
Egged Coop. Soc. Ltd.
Tel Aviv, December 10.

ARTIFICIAL SOAP

To the Editor of The POST
Sir, — Your story about the "Red Indian's Soap" with clay filler awakes most unpleasant memories in those of us who were in Germany during World War I. There such "Ersatz"-soap was in use.

The clay gives it some mechanical cleansing action. But it lacks the essential action of soap to be detergent and bacteria killing, or has it only insofar as it contains some real soap. The foam of soap is not, as your story implies, a psychological factor, but an indicator of its essential detergent action.

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Yours, etc.
A. KLOPSTOCK
Tel Aviv December 12.

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BEVIN RECOGNIZES INDIA'S LEAD

By George Lichtheim, POST Correspondent

LONDON—Canada and Australia — and of India. But there is no one here who wants to go beyond the Truman-Acheson policy, and the attacks currently directed against Acheson by the Hearst-Luce-Scripps-Howard press and their friends in Congress are causing anger and alarm among influential Conservatives. Incidentally, it seems that this campaign has also alarmed Wall Street, to judge from the efforts of the "Wall Street Journal" to quieten the atom-rattlers.

Viewed from here, the problem is twofold: how to reach the Chinese in their intellectual isolation, and how to bridge the gap between the American and Indian viewpoints. The British Government is now extremely busy on both fronts, and can register a few successes. It is guided by the firm belief that the Chinese Government is not subservient to the Kremlin, does not want full-scale war, but is dangerously ignorant of the West, and dependent upon Soviet information-cum-interpretation which tends to play up American belligerence and is inciting the Chinese to take dangerous action in Korea and beyond.

Bevin put the matter in a nutshell in his speech winding up the debate in the Commons on December 14, when he said simply: "I think Stalin wants us to fight the Chinese." He also added that he thought the Russians did not really want to have Peking seated in U.N. This has long been the conviction of British policy-makers. The difficulty is to make the American public understand these matters. So far nobody has even tried.

Bevin's Steady Speech
It is only fair to Bevin, who has often and justly been harshly judged in these columns, to say very plainly that he is at the moment the biggest single influence in favour of peace and understanding with China, and the main obstacle to the plans of the China Lobby in the United States. But for his flat refusal to be dragged into MacArthur's private war against China, Attlee would have been unable to take such a firm line as he did in his talks with Truman. Bevin's massive influence and undoubted popularity with the electorate has also prevented the Tories from making a fuss over "appeasement," which they would very likely have done otherwise — not because they approve of MacArthur, but because they want to keep in step with Truman and Acheson. Bevin's speech in the December 14 debate will perhaps go down as the best of his rather chequered political career.

It was very massive and very judicious — much more impressive than Churchill's flamboyant oration, which clearly suggested that he favoured digging in along the 38th parallel and bombing China from the air. The House was very quiet while Bevin explained why he thought this was a good moment for making the Peking Government a member of the Security Council and recognizing its claims to Formosa. At one point he said, without lifting his voice: "I am sure that anyone who is foolish enough to attack MacArthur will start another world war."

Warning on India
He also said he thought it was important to keep in step with India, and met Tory interjections, again very quietly, by saying: "You may laugh at India, but if you ever come to power again and don't learn to treat these people right, this country will pay a price." It was said without a trace of the old egotism, almost without emotion, rather in the way a grown man talks to unruly children. The House was impressed.

The danger will of course continue until the Chinese can somehow be got to realize that they will be cutting off their own noses if they take this chance to inflict an intolerable humiliation on the Americans. "Face" counts for a great deal more in America than it does in the Orient! Even as it is, American liberals like Senator Douglas — a Quaker, an ex-Socialist, a college professor and a known friend of Europe — talk of using Chiang Kai-shek's troops in Korea. The moment has been well chosen by "President" Syngman-Rhee for sending one of his increasingly rare supporters, an official with the improbable name of General Bum Suk, to represent the South Korean Government at Chiang's headquarters on Formosa. These two refugee governments are now in the position of having no hope left unless they can somehow provoke war between America and China. They are getting all the help possible from Mr. Henry Luce and the anti-administration mob in Congress, to say nothing of MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo. All things considered, Attlee's visit to Washington probably came in the nick of time.

COTTON WOOL WANTED
To the Editor of The POST
Sir, — Perhaps you could be kind enough to furnish me with the address of the "black-market" where one can purchase a small quantity of cotton-wool.

My wife left the maternity ward some 3 weeks ago and ever since I have been running about from one pharmacy to another, and all I managed to get was 10 grams of cotton wool, about half a day's supply. Every doctor can tell you how much a young mother and baby need.

Yours, etc.
J. NAFSHI
Haifa, Dec. 13.

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